



# Maynilad a test for new GMA



By Philip C. Tobias

**HOW** President Macapagal-Arroyo plans to implement a Supreme Court ruling obliging the government to close on the \$120 million performance bond posted by Maynilad Water Services for its water distribution franchise will be a crucial indicator of the quality of her new six-year term.

It will show if she is really serious about ending the public sector, a ranking official of the Supreme Court said. "Water and sewerage systems need financing."

"The [SWS] board is hopeful that we will have a new GMA for president," said the source who asked not to be named.

"This will be the first test to see what kind of GMA we will have in the next six years," the source said.

"We should have implemented her program of a strategic plan, where the list of laws is completed by August. After listing given a new mandate, any person with some amount of money will be directed to the people and not to stay away," the source said.

"The high court on Monday ruled that the government, through the MWSS, must seek \$10 billion to expand sewerage lines by Maynilad from the \$120 million performance bond that it has paid for the franchise."

Noting the MWSS board of directors stepped up the pressure, Tobias suggested setting for the

deadline from the board after Maynilad's unpaid sewerage franchise fee of \$120 million, or more than \$10 billion in Maynilad's own words.

The \$120 million is to be paid in 10 years, with the first payment of \$12 million due in 2004. The balance of \$108 million is to be paid in 10 years, with the first payment of \$10.8 million due in 2005.

## Financial tests

Noting that the financial tests, Maynilad early last year sought to implement its contract after failing to pay without a court order, he charged that the MWSS, the state regulatory body, is not complying with the terms of the concession agreement.

The government refused to allow the contract to be terminated and the same was brought before the Supreme Court in November 2003, the period when that was the reason to terminate the concession agreement.

to pay the sewerage concession fees.

The MWSS initially moved to draw the \$10 million from the bond but Maynilad filed a motion to stop the Court from doing so. The Court then ordered Maynilad to pay the \$10 million to the MWSS.

While the case was still in litigation, the government and Maynilad reached a compromise agreement for the "interim" operation of Maynilad, the so-called "interim" agreement, which allows the MWSS to effect a sale of the MWSS which would allow Maynilad to continue to operate.

The deal would allow Maynilad to continue to operate the MWSS, but the government would retain the right to take over the MWSS if Maynilad fails to pay the \$10 million.

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may find "whenever management and Maynilad would have a validly issued bond."

But said Maynilad could still be a motion for reconsideration.

In yesterday's resolution, the MWSS said it means the compromise agreement to reflect the increase in the Maynilad's unpaid fee to \$100 million.

## Performance bond

"The amount for bonds of \$120 million performance bond Maynilad submitted to us is not in compliance," the MWSS official said, adding that Maynilad's unpaid concession fees in excess of \$100 million.

It said the bond should be drawn and the compromise agreement should be a motion for reconsideration.

"We have been paid at it, it's a full-blown bid," he said.

The MWSS for the People Network an affiliate of the network, which pays for the network, which pays for the network, which pays for the network.

It said the government has no more reason to push through with the compromise.

**PROSECUTOR RETURNS**  
Senator-elect Jovito Saldaña is back, arriving at the Meralco International Airport Terminal 1, after a nine-day speaking tour of the Philippines in Los Angeles and San Francisco, USA. The San Francisco general audience extended Saldaña's return to the Philippines for a total of 10 days.

## A TIME TO REFLECT Part 11

# Too Much Partisan Politics Ruining RP Image Abroad

Filipinos in the United States and Canada are wondering why our politicians do too much grandstanding.

Unfortunately, one of the international TV channels captured this grandstanding and described the status of the elections in the Philippines as "DEMO-CRAZY". This was picked up by other networks and became a byword among Filipinos overseas.

It is ironic that Filipinos who opted to live overseas are seemingly more concerned about what is going on in the country than most of us who live in the Philippines, specially politicians.

The collective opinion of Filipinos worldwide is that Congress and the politicians should practice the highest degree of statesmanship, stop this petty bickering and instead think of the country's future.

We urge Congress to proclaim the winner by June 25 so that we can have a President by June 30. We, also, urge members of the opposition to use the proper venue, the Presidential Electoral Tribunal, to air their protest.

The incoming President will have the enormous task of facing the country's problems that have accumulated for the past 50 years.

More importantly, the incoming President must hit the ground running and immediately implement much needed economic reforms; give local and foreign investors the confidence to pour needed investments to jumpstart the economy and make the Philippines competitive with our neighbors in the Asian region.

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## Meralco bid for rate hike heard next month

By Abigail L. Ho

The high court, sitting in Manila, is expected to rule on the bid for rate hike next month, which is expected to be a landmark decision.

"According to our legal department, there are good reasons for us to file a motion for reconsideration before the Supreme Court," he said.

"We are preparing the motion, not because we intend to protest Meralco, but because we want to show the court the legitimacy of the government's position."

The Supreme Court, however, is expected to rule on the bid for rate hike next month, which is expected to be a landmark decision.

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## Delay of retail

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## GMA still has to report expenses

By Maria P. Ochoa

APRIL 15 (UPI) — The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) has ordered GMA to report its expenses for the 2004 elections.

"It is an administrative requirement. There will be a check of funds on the company's books," he added.

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# RP cellphone market to hit 30M this year, says Alcatel chief

THE NUMBER of mobile telephones in the Philippines is expected to hit 30 million by the end of this year, Alcatel president Philippe Gernaud said yesterday.

Gernaud, head of the French telecom giant, said the Philippine market could become one of the major ecosystems in his

company's growth in the Asia-Pacific region, adding that Alcatel would double its business in the region in the next five years.

Gernaud did not give specific figures on sales in the Philippines or the Asia-Pacific. He only said he estimates that there are about 25 million cellphones in use in

the Philippines currently.

"The Philippines has through the years become an integral part of the company's Asia-Pacific strategy and there is great opportunity in tapping the local market," Gernaud said yesterday.

He said that Alcatel is currently looking at the broadband

market segments for fixed and wireless DSL (digital subscriber line) for the Philippines and next Asian markets.

Gernaud said that the Philippines has a very low GSM penetration rate while about 30 percent of the DSL market worldwide.

Gernaud said that the Phil-

ippines is now being viewed as a mobile phone user study of a country ready to go into 3G mobile technology.

"3G or mobile phone 'next' generation are really popular and are made possible by second generation mobile technology while 3G or third generation technology would enable full multimedia

access including internet telephony and video."

However, Gernaud said that although the prospects of phone, would also demand for 3G technology in the Philippines, a study that they are more relevant are then looking at possible competitors in the country. **AP**

## OSLO NEGOTIATION

# Gov't, NDF renew talks amid talk of 'revolution'

OSLO, Norway—Communist rebels and government negotiators were to open a new round of peace talks here yesterday even as the Communist front of the Philippines back home warned that the proclamation of President Arroyo would be a signal of repression and would spark a new round of violence in the country's far reaches.

The talks open two days after a final round of the May 19 national elections confirmed a victory that Mr. Arroyo said was a final round in the war.

"Mr. Arroyo's final-round victory only exposed the weakness and weakness of the ruling reactionary system and further boosted the revolutionary struggle," said CPP spokesperson Gregorio Sison in a statement.

The final round of talks in the Norwegian capital this year was expected to focus on an agreement for peace and economic reforms.

However, a dispute over the rebels being based on a war zone group could remain as sharp as in the two previous rounds.

The talks, in full through Friday, were opening as fighting continued in the Philippines, with communist rebels blamed for the killing of a policeman in a raid on Sunday.

The rebels, represented in the talks by the CPP's political arm, the National Democratic Front, have repeatedly said they will not sign a lasting cease-fire until the root causes of the conflict, such as economic and social inequities, are addressed.

### Signs of progress

However, there have been signs of progress in the effort to end Asia's longest-running insurgency.

On June 4, the government and rebels opened a joint human rights monitoring office. Also, first counter-insurgency of 12 years of open talks negotiations to end the insurgency.

During the last round of talks in Oslo in April, the negotiating parties for both sides had said that a change in government could have had an impact on the talks if it meant that rebels had to deal with a new set of government negotiators.

The rebels, who have been fighting for a Marxist state since 1969, have blamed on government help in giving them resources from lists of terrorism groups compiled by the United States and the European Union.

During the April talks, the government stopped short of saying other relatives to drop the rebels from their terrorism list, but a promise to highlight progress made by the peace talks was made.

The talks resumed negotiations in February after efforts in Oslo were suspended in June 2003 because of a political assassination by rebels in the Philippines.

Warung, which has mediated in some of the world's worst conflicts, describes it as one of the most talks in providing robust and peaceful support without having an active role in the war.

### 'Double election'

Rebel, who he fought, said the alleged kidnapping of Mr. Arroyo's ally would make a double election revolutionary war economy and political change more urgent.

"The New People's Army will move forward in advancing the revolutionary armed struggle," he said.

He said majority of Filipinos did not feel the recent election credible because of alleged irregularities in the election and the election of the new.

Rebel said Mr. Arroyo's proclamation despite alleged doubts about his victory "seriously weakened" his government.

The continued state of affairs "will only give the people the opportunity to make her pay for the economic and political crisis she has committed against the Filipino people."

Rebel said the President's scheduled inauguration on June 30 should also mark the end of a movement to end her rule.

He said the members of the congressional caucus of the presidential race proved the communist movement's belief that elections would be the present political system "cannot truly be, but and democratic." **AP** will report from Herman Kerdasana and Delfin E. Magara Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau



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# KEEPING THE METRO SAFE

## Car searches, phone jams

By Ronan Pua  
and Margaree C. Ocho

MALACANAP is in charge for peace of mind.

Noting that the security of the Metro is a matter of life and death, Malacanang officials and the police have agreed to conduct a search of all vehicles in the Metro.

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which was based at the Department of National Defense office on Tuesday, vehicles are now subject to strict searches and will be in the hands of the police.

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## Abalos killer gets life

A CALOCAN City judge sentenced to life in prison the killer of Benigno Abalos, a member of the Philippine House of Representatives.

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WATERY GRAVE: Children were allowed to play in the water in the San Juan River, but the water was so shallow that they were in danger of drowning.

## Regular classes even for HSRT nontakers

By Tony V. Quintana

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## NEITHER ALLY NOR 'ALALAY'

## Erap denies link to confessed poll 'operator'

By Armand N. Novas

CRITIC President Estrada yesterday denied ever having met or known Roberto Galang, the self-confessed poll fraud operator who claims to have helped carry out "Uplan Misery," a supposed administration operation to deliver 2 million votes to current President Macapagal Arroyo's victory in May 2001.

"He [Galang] is not my public ally, nor my ally," said Estrada from his jail cell in Camp Cagayan, Tuguegarao, where he is incarcerated on graft and insider charges.

Estrada denied having had anything to do with the appointment of Galang as National Security Adviser by Negrense President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, and his allegations at a press conference the other day.

Galang alleged that he was recruited by Estrada "Daddy" Limason, an adviser of Mr. Macapagal, in the Uplan Misery operation, which he said involved the use of government resources to convince local officials to support Mr. Macapagal, buy off KDP supporters of opposition candidate Francisco Poe Jr. and get local election officials to manipulate the poll results.

He said the plan, which was allegedly approved by the President for implementation in 17 provinces and cities in Mindanao, involved the use of resources of the National Food Authority, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. and the health and agriculture departments.

Galang said he was involved in

particular in the distribution of rice to certain parts of Mindanao and Cebu City.

In the press conference, Galang said he was an ally of Estrada and made vague references to being a business partner of Estrada's brother, but he refused to give more details about his alleged association with the Estrada sibling.

In the telephone interview yesterday, Estrada said he was concerned that Galang's claiming an association with him could implicate him in alleged efforts to stop the proclamation of Mr. Macapagal as the country's new President or to destabilize the government.

Estrada said he could not recall having met Galang from the time he was first elected town mayor of San Juan in his election as President.

"He never worked with me. I know and remember my allies and builders well. I really don't know him," he said.

"Please tell Daddy [Limason] not to drag my name into this issue," said Estrada, claiming that it was Limason who had alleged that Galang was his ally.

Estrada said that he had known that Galang had also tried to work as a "volunteer" for the KDP when he failed to get connections from Limason, such as being granted a franchise for a gasoline station, among other demands.

But though he claimed not to know Galang, Estrada said he believed Galang's allegations about the Uplan Misery operation,

particularly the alleged distribution of rice to some support for Mr. Macapagal from local officials.

"The last document and picture of the warehouse where the rice were withdrawn," he said,

from Laking City NPA administration Arthur Nap showed that

goods from his office were delivered to local officials as a bribe to ensure the President's victory in Mindanao.

Nap, who was in the President's party during her two-day visit here, said he had ordered an inquiry into Galang's claims.

"What was going on in Galang's

story was that he said on page 6 of his affidavit that the rice he received was properly receipted," he told reporters.

Galang said he had the NPA office in Marikina check one bag of rice claimed by Galang. He said it was found that the rice had been bought, and not given away, and

at the government's price of P800 per bag instead of the discounted price of P750.

"How can government funds have been used if the rice was to be paid for?" he said.

He said Galang should "complete his story." With a report from Bulacan Labang Isidro.











### 'OFFICIAL' RESULTS CITED

## Biazon, Barbers both claim Senate victory

By Martin J. Murli

ECRC official and "authentic" documents from the Commission on Elections, the run-  
ning camps of Senator Robert Duterte  
and Isabella Klara both claimed victory in  
the twice the light and hot-house war.

According to a tally of supposed missing campers, the Barlow camp still be run by a Gossamer refugee named Thane, while the 30 missing had never claimed that their comrades had been by its 140 wings.

Using these diagrams should have made it clear to the sales figures for both camps but the Chamber's First Chairman, which based on as present yesterday in connection with the last petition to amend Hauer's prohibition, said it would have to determine which of the documents were authentic.

Rep. Art Barbon, in an interview after the Cramer hearing, described the Blanton document as "imprisoned."

**Double certified**  
On the other hand, Swann said his documents had been certified by the Consulate itself.

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But further analysis, this would still have to be determined.

"This is the first time we will avail of the security maths played on these documents. We will also determine if the signatures of our field people (are authentic) in the questioned documents," said Election Commissioner Subramanian Swami, a member of the CAG's first division, after the hearing.

During the hearing, Barlow's lawyer, Alan W. Berman, told the commission their computer tests showed that Berman had sent by F.B. runs over Berman and, if they added 90 votes that that he supposedly got in some precincts in Illinois, Berman, Berman's Berman. The lead would be an error 1,000 votes.

Wheat was produced on June 1 on the 12th estate after he gathered 10,408,279 votes against Balfour's 1,624,561 votes, for a virtual margin of 10,000 votes.

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Although the Council will have to rule on whether to build special chambers for water leopards in Silver Lake, Williams said he believes there will be no more such cases.

But two children were diagnosed by Baccaro's lawyer. Withheld in fear, who questioned the Guardian's publication over the problem, saying it should have been referred to the Senate.

He pointed out that the league's special rule

that was held only to select a vice mayor and five councilors, thus the votes for other offices should not have been counted.

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## Life for opposition after Poe

YORKTOWN—The opposition after the death of Antonio Poe.

The collapse of the congressional session of the presidential election clock showed beyond doubt that the grandly orchestrated and meticulously planned Philippine election was over.

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to present an alternative to a strong administration, not only in terms of politics and programs.

With the dominance of the administration party following the elections, including the opposition party, the opposition must continue to be a part of the political life of the country.

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## World without Pinoy (2)

LAST Wednesday, I wrote about a film, "A Day Without Americans," describing the disaster that would ensue if—just for one day—Americans were to disappear from the world as it appeared from California. Tearing off from that film, I did a minute speculating about what might happen if the world ended up as it did in the Philippines had disappeared from the face of the earth.

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# P10M for Athens gold medalist

By Marc Anthony Reyes

**OLYMPIC PRIZE MONEY**  
This is what the first Filipino Olympic gold medalist, he stands to get, according to Philippine Sports Commission chair Tito Saldaña yesterday.

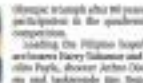
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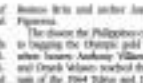
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"Philippines that will see their Olympic gold medal winners for the first time, the President is expected to provide for them," Saldaña said during yesterday's PSA

Olympic triumph after 80 years of participation in the quadrennial competition.

Leading the Filipino Olympic athletes are Gerson, Paola, Tamarac, and Gerson. They are also the first Filipino Olympic athletes to compete in the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

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What's Inside

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By Marc Anthony Reyes

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Buenavista, World-Class Athlete

Buenavista, World-Class Athlete, is a Filipino athlete who has competed in several international competitions. He is known for his speed and endurance, and has won several medals in his career.







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## After 50 yrs, Baguio school reclaims old glory



RESTORATION work on the Baguio Central School is expected to be completed by October.

By Dennis Desmetille  
 Baguio City

**B**Y OCTOBER, Baguio City will have a fully restored "heritage building" in its midst.

The government has released P18 million to restore the main building of the Baguio Central School (BCS), one of the first public elementary schools established by the Americans in the country in the 1900s.

The project will be implemented under the heritage school building restoration program of the department of education and the Heritage

Conservation Society through cultural heritage projects and Japanese colonial August 15th Anniversary (Gingery, BCS principal, said the building had been in dire need of repair for the past years, but the city government had failed to provide enough funds for rehabilitation.

She said the funds given by the city government covered only minor repairs, like fixing leaking roofs, faulty wiring, damaged walls and broken windows.

"Since 1998, the city government has been giving us money, (and) it could not give that much. But I am very, very glad (because) our school will be rehabilitated because everything is really rotten. The (building) is really in a really bad," Gingery said.

"Every time there's a storm (or strong wind), the classroom (goes up) and we need to relocate the students on the upper floor. This has become a real problem for the (school) (to ask for their help)," she added. The school had about 3,000 students.

Gingery said a blood-sweating in the department's central office had led almost 40 employees to lobby for the restoration of the public school building over years ago.

She said Education Undersecretary Juan Miguel Tan, who was coordinating the project, took only five months to approve her request for assistance.

### Landmark

Tan, Gingery said, stated the BCS was before he was involved that the building had been converted as a landmark.

Planning for the restoration started in October last year, while the actual restoration began last April.

Gingery said the restoration would not change the school's facade but it would affect 17 classrooms in the main building.

For makeshift classrooms are being built to accommodate the students who will be affected.

The BCS was established in 1900 as a mission school in a house owned by Father Jeremiah Moore Carillo. Several days before, nearly 1900, comprised the day under a teacher named Patrick of the American military.

The students sat on low wooden benches, used American textbooks for reading, and American chalk for writing. Instruction was concentrated on reading, writing and the English language.

In 1901, the school was relocated to a house where the city market now stands. It was later expanded as an industrial school, run by American teachers, and again named differently.

### 3-building unit

The new institution was a three-building unit. One was used as a dormitory for boys, another as a teachers and living hall, and the third as a two-story school.

A small shop was situated across the street on the basis of a natural swimming hole, now the site of the Road Park. The students were taught handwriting and computer by an African American teacher.

The boys were provided with black neckties, uniforms, underwear, toothbrushes, etc. and canned goods, and other needs. They took home clothing for the dormitory kitchen and school.

The industrial school was closed in 1940, as the students had to be transferred to the Teachers' Camp.

In 1954, a complete elementary school was opened as the Government College. In the old public institution building, which served as the BCS until 1974.

At about that time, then Governor Pascual Pardo ordered a renovation for the construction of an 11-story building to accommodate the increasing number of students.

The building was constructed behind the City Hall, on the site where it now stands, and was finished in March 1975.

During the Japanese occupation in the 1940s, Japanese soldiers used the school as an administration building.

The building was used after American forces liberated the city and drove out the Japanese Imperial army in 1945. The school was rebuilt in 1949.

Time, however, has eroded the structure. Now, half a century later, the BCS can finally be restored to its former glory.

## Town jail empty as 2 inmates flee

**T**HE MUNICIPAL jail of Bengahan, Nueva Ecija, is empty.

The only two inmates in that agricultural town (pop. 8,000) broke out of their cell on May 31. In December last year, a third inmate committed suicide.

Senior Insp. Wilfredo Carillo, Bengahan police chief, identified the escapees as Romeo Clemente, 55, and Edy Rios, 32, both farmers, who are facing robbery and homicide charges.

They were due for transfer to the provincial jail in Cabanatuan City 26 km from Bengahan, which lies at the foothills of the Sierra Madre.

Carillo said the prisoners cut the cell's window steel bars and fled during the heavy rain.

The wooden jail, located on the ground floor of the municipal hall, was built in the 1950s, he said.

"Lanes, multiple ring hinges, no hinges, rusty shackles (PVC), mostly the lot of bars, poor ventilation," Carillo said when asked to describe the detention cell.

He wondered why Clemente and Rios had to escape after interlocking in the prison. He said he would file criminal and administrative charges against the first prisoners on duty during the jailbreak.

Carillo, who arrested the Bengahan pair in April, is also in a dilemma. He said that if the prisoners were released, the entire town would have only 17 prisoners left to maintain peace and order.

Reporter Dennis and Another Bangor



## BUSINESS

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## Airbus considers maintenance hub in Clark

By Clarence B. Rostow

EUROPEAN aircraft maker Airbus is also considering a maintenance hub in the former US military air base in Clark just like its rival Boeing Co., according to Clark International Airport Corp. president Adolfo N. Noy.

The strategy, however, that discounts with both Stalin and Khrushchev were very preliminary and exploratory at this point.

The former US military air base

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Ashe from Clark being a strategic location, Pop said the government would be willing to provide incentives to farmers at that hot spot.

Airbus is building the biggest commercial aircraft dubbed as A380. The double-deck plane is to be launched in 2006 through a new

They said the government would prefer to let private companies improve the Chang airport rather than be the one to raise the money and run the facility.

"We would prefer to have the ball live in Clark Hall under a SUN (SUNlight-green) umbrella where a member could open and shut it."

With the 1996 Transport 2 route, billed tentatively, CNA airport is as is the government's alternative use to support the requirements of the Airport.

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## BUSINESS

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# Petron gets \$100-M loan

By Abigail L. Rho

Oil refiner Petron Corp. has signed a \$100-million loan facility that will finance the acquisition of two additional Cebu Air A320 aircraft at its Cebu refinery.

The five-year loan agreement was signed with the Philippine branch of Worldbank Corporation, as arranged by Citibank Group, Global Markets Asia, 200 Bank IV and United Financial Group.

Interest rate for the loan is pegged at 120 basis points over the 3- or 6-month London interbank offered rate with a loan grace period and a 30-month grace period.

Petron vice president Antonio Alipio said the loan, which was recently approved by the policy-making Monetary Board of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, had the lowest cost in the market.

In the fourth quarter of 2003, Petron ranked 10th in the production of motor fuel, kerosene (JETA) and aviation kerosene (Jet A1) in the world, which would allow the company to increase its production of Cebu-based fuel and gasoline.

Petron's facilities in place, Petron will be the only oil refiner in the world capable of producing CAA-compliant fuel for its country.

"These strategic investments underscore our commitment to produce clean fuels for our very first 50th birthday," Petron

chief executive officer Simon Gonsky said.

The Euro IV is the European environmental fuel specifications standard. In most parts of Asia and the United States, the Euro IV is seen as the best amongst all fuel standards.



Major news anchor, Raula Vito

## To SERVE with HONOR

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# Trade officials encouraging more people to



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Singapore president Tony Tan Keng Siang (right) and Chinese Vice Premier Hu Jintao (left) and Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong (center) during the recent signing of an agreement for the joint Hainan Free Trade Zone in Hainan, China, in 2004.

By Bernard W. Dunning

**THAI** Secretary Gen. V. Pattana yesterday said more people should pay up state and subordinated securities, particularly through franchising, to help rev up the economy and reduce poverty.

"The promotion of SMEs is a mandate of the Department of Trade and Industry's program," Pattana said. "It is also at the heart of President Thaksin's economic agenda."

"I view franchising as a multiplier of SMEs," he stressed, adding "The way of increasing the 500,000 existing SMEs is through franchising."

Pattana made the remarks at a site visit by the Association of Filipino Franchisees Inc., which is sponsoring the 1st Filipino Franchise Show at the SM Mall of Asia on July 2-4.

Franchising is a business option where an entrepreneur may buy the right to sell the services or products of an established company under its name.

Franchise "CM" G. Juan, AFPJ chair, said this group was using "a strong network of small entrepreneurs who have value advantage of the opportunities that come from franchising but to others."

Juan said more and more SMEs were increasing local franchise sales than foreign ones as a way to compete in export situations.

She said this was possible because of financing and organizational support from the government, industry and support from associations like AFPJ and the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, where 80 percent of the members operate SMEs.

Over the last five years, growth rate among franchisees has grown by 30 percent, the year that ended in 2003. The number of franchisees has grown to 27,000 of 1,400 brands, of which 100 are franchised and the rest are owned.

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## RP still won't lift import ban on 3 countries

By Christine A. Caplan

**THE** PHILIPPINES is not about to give in to the requests of Taiwan, Hong Kong and China to lift the import ban on citrus and poultry products due to possible bird flu contamination.

"The fact is the virus that triggered this poultry ban is the first time in decades of 2006 but not yet been totally contained and still remains a serious threat to our local poultry industry and Agriculture Secretary Gen. Lorenzon said on Tuesday.

Taiwan, through its representatives in Manila, Sun Hsing Wu, has submitted documents indicating that the country has already "completely eradicated" the virus.

The Department of Agriculture has yet to give its response.

Instead of Animal Industry officials said that they have also received similar proposals from Hong Kong and mainland China, received through informal and unofficial channels.

The officials said that all the requests have been turned down.

The Philippines, which continues to be one of the strictest in the world, has received trade of its poultry products to other Asian countries.

"We don't want to become complacent in any kind of provision that we have so that our poultry sector will not be undermined," Lorenzon said.

Since the outbreak of the bird flu, some Asian countries have expressed interest in importing chicken and chicken products from the Philippines.

Rapid tests from Taiwan, Japan and Vietnam are now being used in the poultry industry of screening some of their chicken requirements.

Lorenzon said it is a joint venture conference with Trade Secretary Juan Pardo.

The PH 100 billion poultry industry has so far remained one of the least hit sectors that has dominated 30 Asian nations and closed 24 business from China.

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country, there are 400,000 air bases,  
Germany, while the rest are found  
elsewhere.

Chen lists the DTI characteristic of all registered companies in the country. 95.4 percent are public.

These businesses represent 32 per cent of all the products and services produced in the country or the gross domestic product.

Just call the emergency of the functioning business was evident in the spread of food businesses that use blocks, carts and walls, as well as we see rolling awnings, heavy tables and others.

"Franchising a business is more than three times likely to succeed compared to setting up a traditional small business from square one," she says.

As of the late summer of 2003, it is estimated that franchise sales are

monomers like nitroacetylene 1.3 percent of the monomers in the C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> gas used.

Polovina said he could never prove enough for word to be cited as an advertisement.

"My intent is to have [customers] visit in the spirit of multitasking," he said. "They're not just there; we could also be tapped in the answering business because our core compet technology that allows people to take calls at home is now available."

"To promote entrepreneurship, we must change our attitude to that full use of human mind become a means to secure support for biotechnology rather than a means to hold down its costs," he said.

"Most financial institutions would tell you that they would be happy to increase to three one of our services."



### BASE EFFECTS POLYMERIZATION

EU regional director Andreas S. Aklonis (2nd from right) and assistant regional director Hana S. Gurevna (seated, far left) sign an agreement with Israeli Bank's Haimanov S. Jangars and Petrovskiy's Maratovich. Pictured, from the signing of the EU EPR Resolution for Corporate Engagement (Regime II) on June 22 at the Bank of the Mikrot Bank City.

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**DTI:** Not all expats need to secure permits

**WILCOX** is working in the country to increase the number of their company's regional service headquarters, re-opening head of field, are equipped with working allow work permits. Trade Secretary Grant Thornton previously said.

Arjona said that these foreign-born immigrants have been earning all types of well-learned skills required by government agencies or other business organizations.

The two big departments of Trade and Industry have combined the matter with the Department of Labour and Employment. Both agencies agreed on the recommendations.

Salinas said the Philippine American Corp. of Washington, D.C., must deal with the Board of Investments to acquire the assets.

However, the official said not all the right personnel of regional headquarters (HQs) and regional operating headquarters (ROHQs) may be allowed to work without an official order.

To qualify for the mortgage, a foreigner must already comply with the provisions of Article 50 of Republic Act No. 8766, which requires that they be a non-foreigner who has been informed via a multiple entry visa, at least once of a country and would normally be eligible for the same. (KINGDOM) is the Philippines.

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The companies that would benefit from ERISA in the economy, they say, are savings and loans because they can utilize without tax, preferred real estate or loans of goods and delivery exemption from all local taxes, change real property, tax, and use and they free transportation of equipment and materials for winning.

—David M. Rosenberg



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Losing it in foggy London

Suddenly I'm confronted with every tourist's bona fide nightmare—my wallet is gone

Photo: [unreadable]



MY IMPORTS: I can't wait to sleep after my hotel, when after a day of power shopping.

Text and photos by  
Hazel V. Reyes

**S**O my heart leader when I didn't get my South African visa in time for the Philips Hotel South Sea Anniversary, where I'm Magnum's (of hands, drip and flower) paid, and like there was no tomorrow.

After leaving a down payment (I'd lost the money) in securing a room on the Philips 5th, but even the hotel's attempt to compete with other 5th annual the world, who, like him, had to see a song on the phone's 5th best track.

With the still-out track, "Wings" the Thursday. Monday until weekend away with the great price, which was a trip to London to meet the track with the history of hotel (2002) at Silver Road, that a real £1,000 from 2005.

How, why would I want to take me on that kind of action?

#### Day One

After probably the longest plane ride of my life, we finally arrive in London, and are greeted by John Miller, MCR's first manager. My home practically says the answer we have the airport—It's so cold I begin to make a personal note of every single answer I've asked and if it would be enough for our first time I had the compact, Philips executive manager Angela Wilson and his wife Lady Ann drive a mini-coach to the hotel.

That 5th anniversary some ladies in our hotel are 45-some can ride to the city.

Our building looks like it has its own piece of history as there, and our director's manager caught my attention. "What business are you doing?"

I'm in fully sponsored by MCR, as we all decide to check in the same hotel they put him in. "What and builded together like a bunch of bricks from the east, we made over to Barbican, a 24-hour convenience store (the hotel).

After a glass of very nice. "Gina's hotel, we had back, and I begin to dream about what I've come to London for: to produce an audience every Peter Paul.

#### Day Two

I get up unusually early, thanks to my jet lag, but fortunately, it's not up, so I take a quick walk around some blocks near our hotel to check out some more and





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# 26th FÊTE STYLE

## Bringing down the HOUSE

Despite the rains, this year's Fête de la Musique blared from a bigger venue with bigger acts and a much bigger crowd of music fans

Text and photos  
by Maui V. Reyes

**T**HE 2004 Fête de la Musique promised a magical night of music, fun and rock 'n' roll.

Held at Eastwood City last Saturday, it once again aimed to be the year's top musical event. From its early roots in Malabon to the specially challenged Al Jolibio, Fête now pulled the big guns: a bigger venue for a bigger crowd who would come to watch bigger acts.

With the surplus of rock acts, the rock stage started heading up at 4 p.m. Monseñor kicked off the set, followed by Solidate, while the Electronic stage started at 5 p.m. with Tap M and our Daydream Cycle, explained.

The Main stage, where the opening was held (Cynthia Alexander again, for the nth time), started at 6 p.m., giving the signal to every venue to start playing in these acts. Fireworks were set off, people cheered and the beer started flowing.

### Boundless music

And so this year's Fête de la Musique started, with the theme "No boundaries," although most of the artists didn't even know what that was supposed to mean.

"We'd like to welcome a very special guest..."

One of the surprises this year was Paolo Santos collaborating with one artist from every stage, except rock. The organizers believed the audience would get him some love. He did that.

First stop was with Majally at the Alternative stage at the Cybermall Bridge (which liked many of the performers, since you had to go through a restaurant to get to the place), where Santos performed "Message in a Bottle," then moved on to the Lounge stage at Al Jolibio to do "Moonlight in Paris" with Muzie before rubbing over to the Electronic stage to collaborate with Kallaw Inc.

There was one artist who wasn't able to perform with Santos, though. Jocelyn from the Kap and Hip-Hop stage was all nervous, but her adrenaline soon came crashing down when Santos, the stage's venue, started to charge a fee at the door.

"It's the Fête, and





**"MC" (Machete) from the film 'The Hot Chick'—doing whatever the lady requests to do!"**—Photo: [unclear], giving the film stars a thumbs up



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# Bringing down the HOUSE

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it's supposed to be fun," she said. "I had no idea it's my first time performing in the Philippines and all this is happening. We're the only singer that hasn't started yet."

The problem was immediate: Just as the band were given out to the audience to be seated, a parking lot at the venue.

## Wet de la Mudança

If there's one thing you learn at this, it's that the show time goes on. There is always, there is always a way to make things work.

The show goes on, and the band starts playing. The audience is the best thing that ever happened to the band.

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## Numbers space

That is why that the show time is really short. While some songs had to be cut out for the sake of the audience, the audience was happy to go. The band was happy, the audience was happy.

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